

'Back to school' is also an experience for each and every one of us. As a Christian Community because of Covid 19 and lockdown our normal routine of celebrating Sunday and meeting as a Christian Community of Faith has been diminished. We have got used to Webcam participation - many are still afraid and reluctant to celebrate publicly with the Christian Community of Faith.

We would like to assure those who many have reservations, that we are fully compliant with all the directives. Our Church is a safe place. We would love to see you all back, active and participating in our Faith-Community. We miss your presence.

Let this September be your time of decision - your time to be part of our Faith Community on Sunday. You are welcome and we would love to see you back in the Church. When we break routine it is hard to re-engage. Renew your routine of being part of the Sunday celebration of our Faith-community of Monasterboice. You are always welcome. We miss you!

Diocesan Theology programme: The course takes 2-years with 1-night per week & 2-weekends over the academic year; accredited by St Patrick's College, Maynooth. There are no educational entry requirements, & completion of the course is based on submitted work & does not include sitting exams. The course will be starting on 14th September. If you are interested & would like more information please contact Milanda at milanda@parishandfamily.ie

Pope's Prayer Intentions: The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month: The Intention for September is; **An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle - We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.**

"All My Children: Genesis and Exodus. Who said family was easy?" with Sr Pam Thimmes OSC. An eight part Zoom series exploring the theme of family in the Books of Genesis and Exodus. The course will take every 2nd Thursday from 7:00 pm - 9:15 pm starting 9 Sept; email maura@drumalis.co.uk

'Life is like a camera: Focus on what's important; Capture the good times; Develop from the negatives and if things don't work out, just take another shot.' - author unknown

Readings for next Sunday - 5th September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 35:4-7a **Responsorial Psalm:** 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Reading II: James 2:1-5 **Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

Mullary Cemetery Draw: Winning #16 - Kathleen Loughran; Mary King.



Parish of Monasterboice

(Mainistir Bhuithe)

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

29th August 2021 - Year B

Parish Priest: Fr. Paddy Rushe; 086 880 7470

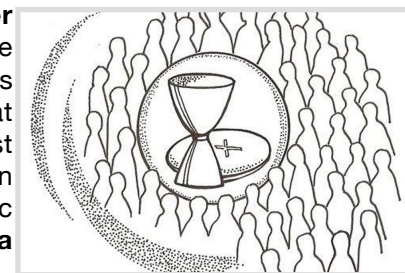
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Pastoral Area: Along with Termonfechin (Fr Paul Byrne 98 22121), Clogherhead (Fr Martin McVeigh 98 22224), & Togher (Monsignor Jim Carroll 98 89335), our Parish is part of the **St. Colmcille's Pastoral Area.**

Sharing the Pulpit: Next weekend, **ALL** Masses in our parish will be celebrated by **Fr. Paul Byrne** - thanks to members of our Parish Pastoral Council for making him feel welcome on our behalf. Fr. Paddy will be celebrating weekend Masses in Togher Parish; Monsignor Carroll & Fr. Daly will celebrate in Termonfechin. Clogherhead is not affected this month.

This is part of a process to facilitate **closer collaboration within the Pastoral Area** as the future of all our parishes will lie in this direction. Many of the structures we have at the moment evolved in an Ireland where most people walked to Church, and at a time when there was a period of expansion in the Catholic faith in this country. **Now we have entered a new phase.**



There is a need for consolidation to take account of how faith practice has developed and will continue to develop into the future. The Covid-19 Pandemic has also had a significant effect with many people still choosing to engage with Church via webcam, and as priests become older and fewer in number, **more**

things will happen together, rather than in individual parishes.

While the future will certainly bring change, there will be many things which will stay the same, and **there will be new opportunities to engage with faith and Church** both in our own parish and the wider Pastoral Area.

Parish Office Hours: Tuesdays from 2.30pm - 5.30pm; Ann McEvoy (087 648 6809) will be able to take phone calls, and answer emails about parish business, eg certificates, bookings, etc.



Online Ministry: We are hoping to merge our Facebook & ChurchServices.Tv Broadcasts. But each week, we have **Sunday Night prayer at 10pm**, and **Rosary from the Kitchen Table will be every Wednesday at 7pm**.

Other Liturgies & Sacraments: Baptisms are taking place, Pls contact the office/Fr. Paddy to book - but we take caution regarding numbers, & ensure all attending observe social distancing, hand hygiene & wear masks. Funerals only 50 mourners are permitted in Church for the Funeral Mass, and no gathering of mourners on Church grounds; Weddings, 100 guests in the Church for the Mass. Confessions available after any Mass, & upon request.

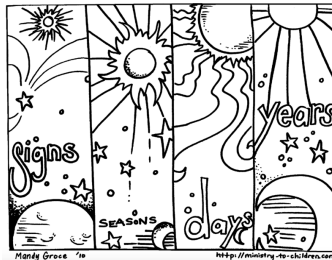
Finance: Your donations in last week **IN CHURCH** have amounted to €480. Thank you also to the many who have transferred their donations to **ONLINE** banking, amounting to approx €500 per week. The parish details for online donations; **BIC: AIBKIE2D** and **IBAN: IE68 AIBK 9320 9421 7710 85**; use your Envelope#/Surname as reference. Or via www.armagharchdiocese.org



LM/FM Mass: Thanks for all who participated in and prepared for the Broadcast Mass on the Radio last weekend. Many people have commented on how lovely the Mass came across on Radio.

Congratulations to: Martina Boylan & David McMahon; and Shauna Walsh & Mark Healy who were married recently in our parish.

Season of Creation: 2021 marks the 6th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment **Laudato Si': On care for our Common Home**. This year, as in previous years, the **1st September - 4th October** will be an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of creation, to explore with parishioners the rich content of **Laudato Si'** and decide on what actions should be taken locally to care for our common home. This year's theme is "**A Home for All?: Restoring Our Common Home**". Liturgical Resources for use during the Season are now available for downloading on the website of our own diocese at www.armagharchdiocese.org/season-of-creation-1st-september-4th-october-2021



Iona Community: Faith, Hope + Climate Change - FREE 7 Week Countdown to COP26 Course: Trinity College Glasgow invites Church Groups to join with others in listening for God's call in the Climate Emergency. **Starting 15th September**, you can learn from high-profile speakers, & get involved through three innovative action tracks, which will inspire and support you to take creative and prophetic action in your church & community. More information www.iona.org.uk/2021/07/05/faith-hope-climate-change/

NB ALL Masses can be accessed via www.churchservices.tv/monasterboice		
Day\Mass	Intention	
Saturday 28th August @ 6.30pm	(Tenure)	Ann Rushe (<i>Birthday Remembrance</i>)
Sunday 29th August @ 9.45am	(F/Town)	John & Kathleen Branigan (Av.) Eileen Winters (Av)
Sunday 29th August @ 11.15am	(Tenure)	Dominic & Betty Brennan (Av).
Tuesday 31st August @ 9.30am	(Tenure)	-
Wed. 1st September @ 9.30am	(F/Town)	-
Friday 3rd September @ 8pm	(Tenure)	No Mass
Saturday 4th September @ 6.30pm	(Tenure)	Mary Murphy (<i>nee O'Brien</i>) Rec. Dec'd Jim Murphy & Dec'd Mbrs of the O'Brien & Usher Families (<i>Castelumney & Monasterboice</i>)
Sunday 5th September @ 9.45am	(F/Town)	Peter Mulroy & Ann McArdle Anna & Patrick Winters (Av.)
Sunday 5th September @ 11.15am	(Tenure)	Pro Populo - For The People

Remembering the Deceased: Please pray for those on the parish list of the dead, for deceased benefactors of the parish, & those who have died recently; Laura Farrelly, De La Salle Crescent, Ardee; Patrick Divine, Tullyallen; Susan Egan, Dromiskin; Fr. Chris O'Brien, Assistant Priest, Monasterboice, 1969-70; If a family member outside the parish has died, let us know so we can include them in our prayers.



Get well: Knowing that someone really cares helps healing along its way, so we hope all our Parishioners who are sick or housebound feel better and keep improving, day by day. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers.



This week all our young people, hopefully, will be returning to school. This year continues to be different because of Covid 19, and there are restrictions/regulations surrounding school & classroom procedures.

Our teachers and schools are coping with all this and much credit is due to the Principals and staff in our schools in their response to and compliance with all the directives. They have strived and succeeded in making school a safe place for our children. It has demanded many sacrifices and new ways of thinking by our school personnel and we commend them for their response and commitment. We welcome all our children back to the school environment & hope that the coming year will be one of joy, fulfilment for both teachers and children. For many parents going back to school can be a traumatic experience - the emotional experience of bringing their children to school for the first time - or of their child growing up & going to Secondary. Parents & children need support & understanding.

